

Ennis Educate Together NS

Board of Management Agreed Report Thursday 21st March 2024

As we begin Term 3, 2024 at Ennis ETNS, the Board of Management would like to wish all staff a happy and productive final term.

Congratulations to Mary Fallon, who retired on January 28th. The board extends their best wishes to her as she begins her next adventure.

Congratulations to Mary Hartogh and family on the birth of baby Mena.

Condolences to:

Marian McCullough on the passing of her mother, Mary.

David Rundle, on the passing of his uncle, Desmond.

Patricia Ward, on the passing of her uncle, Thomas and cousin, Derek.

Aoiffe Lynch on the passing of her cousin, Paudie.

Deirdre Hayes on the passing of her sister-in-law, Alice

Alan Leamy on the passing of his granny, Mary

Máire Ní Cheallaigh on the passing of her aunt, Maureen

Current events at Ennis ETNS:

Mainstream staffing allocation for September 2024 remains at 6 mainstream class teachers, 5 Special Education Teachers, and 1 (permanent) English as an Additional Language teacher.

Staff have also been busy availing of various CPD, including:

- Educate Together Principal's Conference
- BOM training (Principal and staff nominee)
- National Attendance Strategy webinars
- Leading Wellbeing Weeks in Primary Schools
- Developing a Student Council in a school
- Enhancing pupil teacher relationships with children with behavioural, emotional and social difficulties (BSED) through scheduled, attuned student-teacher connection times
- The SCERTS Model (Social Communication Emotional Regulation and Transactional Supports)
- The Regulated Classroom
- International Play Conference 2024 – Revolutionising Education Through Play
- Rainbows Ireland workshop: Supporting Children who have Experienced Bereavement in the Primary School Setting
- Using Evidence-Based Inclusive Strategies to Effectively Promote Oral Reading Fluency for Children with Literacy Difficulties
- Building Resilience in the Classroom

Paul Walsh, from the NCSE, visited the school in November to provide a roadmap for successful integration and inclusion of children with autism in our school.

Primary Maths Curriculum - staff attended whole school training on the new Maths curriculum in Clare Education Centre on 26th February.

Margaret Dixon, from Epilepsy Ireland provided training to some staff members on the care needs of children living with epilepsy and on the administration of medication.

A number of school based initiatives and events are took place at Ennis ETNS this term, including:

- Art therapy
- The Classroom Dina Programme in Senior Infants
- Roots of Empathy with baby Pippa in 1st/2nd class
- Maths interventions
- Peace Proms 2024
- Rugby coaching, with Cian Guilfoyle of Ennis Rugby Club
- GAA coaching with Tomas Barry of Éire Óg
- Coding with Beebots
- The School Food Company provided Christmas dinners on December 20th – many thanks to them.
- Swimming will commence for all classes from 1st – 6th in the final term

Pupils have been involved in a number of extra-curricular activities this term, including:

- Cumann na mBunscoil boys football
- Marian Keane girls and boys basketball
- Ficheall chess event
- FAI 5-a-side soccer

Many thanks to all our staff who gave of their time to allow the pupils to participate in these events.

Active Schools Committee:

The Active Schools Committee have organised many events in recent months, including a Valentine's and Easter Hunts, 10@10 Friday activity challenge, Wake Up Shake Up, and Active Schools Slogan competition.

Creative Clusters

Ennis ETNS have been participating in a creative cluster with Scoil Chríost Rí, Ennis CBS and St. Anne's Special School over the last few months, culminating in a flash mob on O'Connell Street in March, and a group drumming performance after Easter.

Pupils have really enjoyed learning new skills, exploring their creativity and meeting friends from other schools.

Student Council

The **Student Council** wrote to a number of role models, and were delighted to receive responses from President Higgins, and a CD from The Speks. They also wrote to our Parents Association, with a request for mirrors in the pupil's toilets. Great to see our associations liaising in a positive way!

Wellness Week will take place from April 15th – 19th . We are looking forward to a fun filled week for pupils and staff!

Parents

Many thanks to the Parents Association, who organised a very successful Winter Raffle, raising over €2,000!

We had a huge response to the call for parents to participate in the Games for Fun programme in Holly and Beech classes this term. Class teachers had great difficulty persuading parents away from their games of Ludo, Buckaroo, and Jenga!

Our HSCL, David, is also planning a Fun with Science programme with the senior classes this coming term.

A number of our parents received raffle prizes following a successful Attendance Drive in December.

School transport - Bus Éireann have invited parents to complete applications by April 26th.

Other news:

Standardised testing will take place this term:

- Literacy: Wednesday May 15th
- Numeracy; Wednesday, May 22

6th class graduation will take place on Tuesday 25th June, 2024

Many thanks to Crusheen Community Centre for the donation of two office desks and ten office chairs.

Thanks to a generous donation, the school was able to purchase a range of language and play resources for Infants – 2nd classes, and restock our PE equipment for the whole school. We are extremely grateful for this support!

The installation of our new modular building, consisting of one mainstream classroom and two SET rooms, is near completion.

The Code of Behaviour has been reviewed by the Board of Management and will be ratified at the next meeting on the 25th April.

Finally, the Board would like wish all staff a great final term and to thank staff once again for their continued enthusiasm and commitment to Ennis ETNS.

